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MACHINE PLANTS FAIL TO FULFILL QUOTAS;
QUARRY PRODUCTION INCREASES

SHORTAGES CAUSE LAG -- Szabad Nep, No 169, 23 Jul 49

The State Building Industry Lending Enterprise supplies the building industry with the necessary construction equipment. It imports these machines or obtains them by placing orders in the domestic factories. The import orders have been filled promptly, but the domestic plants have lagged. The following are some plants which did not fulfill their quotas:

The Roessemann-Harmatta Machine Factory offered as an excuse for not supplying the ordered conveyers the fact that there was a shortage of rubber belts, iron, and ball bearings. The Donath Machine Factory did not deliver the required power earth packers because of a lack of materials and skilled workers. The Poper-Szanto Company filled another order instead. The Hungarian Chemical Industry Machine Factory and the Jeno Hercz Machine Factory have not delivered a single dump cart. The Markus Machine Factory has not filled the order for block and tackle rigs.

KISTEXT TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTION LAGS -- Nepszava, No 150, 1 Jul 49

Matyas Rakosi has criticized the production lag of the Kistext Textile Mill. The plant managers have vowed improved production and less waste in order to meet the requirements of the three-year plan.

Average weekly production of the spinning mill for the first quarter of the year was 1,060 kilograms per spinning machine. This will be increased to 1,120 kilograms during the second half of the year. Waste will decrease from 1.11 percent to 0.75 percent. Production per spindle per hour will increase from 16.76 grams to 17.5 grams.

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The number of throws per weaving machine for an 8-hour shift in the old weaving mill will increase from 48,000 to 51,000 and in the new one from 58,000 to 62,000. The number of throws per weaving machine in the automatic mill will increase from 55,000 to 58,000. Machine breakdown and stoppage at the beginning of the year was 12 percent and will be reduced 6 - 7 percent during the second half of the year.

110 MILLION FORINTS FOR QUARRIES -- Magyar Nemzet, No 161, 14 Jul 49

Quarry production for 1947 was about 80,000 carloads. The prewar level was reached during the second year of the three-year plan with an output of 195,000 carloads. Production for the last year of the three-year plan will be 325,000 carloads, of which, 270,000 carloads will be produced by the nationalized quarries. Output for the first year of the Five-Year Plan will be 420,000 carloads and will increase to 490,000 carloads by the fifth year. Production at the end of the Five-Year Plan will be 6 times that of 1947 and 2½ times that of the last year of peace.

In order to meet these increased production goals, investments are to be greatly expanded. Investments in the quarries during the last year of the three-year plan will be 15,700,000 forints.

During the Five-Year Plan, 110 million forints will be invested for modernization and development of the quarries.

Under the Five-Year Plan, quarries will be developed at four localities: 30 million forints are to be invested at the desolate area of Uzsa in Zalamegye, establishing a quarry capable of producing 40,000 - 45,000 carloads per year; a new quarry will be constructed at Nogradkovcsd, at a cost of 15,000 [sic] forints and will have a capacity of 22,000 carloads per year; the Szob quarry will be expanded to twice its present capacity and will produce 10,000 carloads more per year; finally, the quarry at Tally will be expanded so that production will increase by 28,000 carloads annually.

NEW LIGHT-WEIGHT CEMENT DEVELOPED -- Kis Ujsag, No 155, 7 Jul 49

Endre Bereczky, assisted by Jeno Beck, has developed a new type of light-weight cement. Its use will result in 30 - 35 percent savings in time.

The new cement is so light that it can be used for roof structures. This will eliminate the usage of wood, previously imported, and will affect a savings in foreign exchange.

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